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## Relay for Life 2007 starts up again

By Corey Meissner  
Staff Writer

Salisbury University's Relay for Life held its kickoff meeting last Friday. Co-chairs Julie Bayer and Justin McJilton led the meeting, aiming to begin preparations for Relay 2007.

Relay for Life, begun in 1985 by Dr. Gordy Klatt, is an international event held in 19 different countries. Over 4,700 communities participate in the fundraiser, which benefits the American Cancer Society (ACS). By 2015, the ACS aims to prevent nearly five million deaths from cancer, stop six million new cancer diagnoses, and to help improve the quality of life of current cancer patients. The money raised at Relay for Life helps the ACS to forward its goals.

"Relay has an amazing history at SU," Bayer said. Last year's relay raised \$138,457 for the ACS. SU has participated in Relay for Life for the past 5 years, and has been ranked in the top 2 relays per capita 3 out of those 5 years. Last year, SU raised \$3.14 per person on campus, while College Park was not able to raise even \$1 per person. The total of the money raised by WVU, Duke, and College Park combined is still less than that raised by SU last year.

Bayer informed the crowd that they will also have the chance to become part of Salisbury University's new chapter of Colleges Against Cancer. "Relay for Life is a great event," Bayer said, "but it only happens once a year." Colleges Against Cancer will hold events year-round in an attempt to raise even more money for the ACS.

This year's Relay for Life will be held on May 4 and 5, and will have a multicultural theme. Team registration is free before Dec. 31.



Steve Whackett/The Flyer



Tom Ruch/The Flyer

The cards in the box hold information about the holiday wishlist of a child, such as age, sizes, gender, etc. Volunteers were asked to choose a card from the box and purchase a gift to give their child for the holidays.

## 2006 Holiday Angels spread seasonal cheer

By Sarah Lake  
Staff Writer

The Shore CAN volunteer services at SU and the Guerrrier University Center are presenting the 2006 "Holiday Angels" program, a charitable, giving community project. The purpose of the program is to provide much needed holiday gifts to underprivileged children in the Salisbury area.

Angie Jones, Director of the Shore CAN Volunteer Center, said, "This was previously a project that only the volunteers did. We've

now partnered with GUC to make it a more campus-wide project."

Located in the GUC Fireside Lounge, there is a box filled with cards. Each card has the name, age (ranging from infant to 19), gender, clothing size, shoe size, and holiday wish list of a child. Participants are asked to select a card and record their name and telephone number on the sign in sheet located next to the box. "Angels" should then purchase a gift or gifts for the named child and then return the wrapped gift along with the card to the GUC

Information Desk or the Shore CAN Volunteer Center located in the career services office. All participants will receive a complimentary holiday bell ornament when the gift is delivered.

For the 2006 holiday season, the program accumulated roughly 200 names of children from various agencies throughout the Salisbury area. These agencies include Maple Shade, the Wicomico and Somerset County Department of Social Services, Joseph House Village, Project SIT, and the Life Crisis Center.

Jones said, "Anything off of the lists of items they'd like to have or any age-appropriate gifts would be acceptable and probably greatly appreciated."

Gifts and cards should be returned by Friday, December 15. Delivery of gifts will be made to the various agencies the week of December 18.

If participants have any questions, they are asked to contact Angie Jones at 410-546-6015 or Marie Bradford at 410-543-6102.

## Campus warns caution due to robberies

By Sarah Lake  
Staff Writer

Due to a string of unsolved robberies that occurred within close proximity of the SU campus, students are being asked to exercise special caution to prevent any further incidents.

On Sunday, Nov. 26 there were four robberies in the Salisbury area; all occurring within a time span of forty-five minutes. Two of the victims were SU students residing in University Village. The two remaining robberies occurred a little over four miles away, one on the 400 block of Moss Hill and one near Woodview Square.

Only three days later, there were two more robberies in the University Village area.

In all cases, the victims were approached by masked male suspects armed with handguns. Each incident appears to be random, not targeting any specific group of people and occurring when the opportunity arises.

Lieutenant Rantz of the Salisbury Police Department said, "We have paired up with other law enforcement agencies to provide extra enforcement. We have undercover officers on the streets in plain clothes to try to catch these guys."

Chief Lashley of the SU Police Department said, "There have been no on-campus robberies and we are aggressively taking action to prevent these types of crimes from occurring on university property."

Anyone with information regarding these robberies is asked to call the Salisbury Police Department at 410-548-3165 or Crime Solvers at 410-548-1776.

If any SU students feel uncomfortable walking alone at night, they can call the SU Police for an escort. Additional safety tips, along with what one should do if they become the victim of a robbery are available on the SUPD website.

## Jane Austen Ball held to benefit genocide in Darfur

By Justin Ritter  
Editorials Editor

Various students from Salisbury University put on their dancing shoes and attended a benefit ballroom dance, entitled the Jane Austen Ball, last Friday night in Holloway Hall. The event was initially intended for the members of the Bellavance Honors Program students who were a part of the Jane Austen's England class, but then the dance became open to the public in an attempt to raise funds for the ongoing crisis in the Sudanese region of Darfur.

Pairs of students, all dressed in the finest of attire, learned how to dance to such choreographed dances as the Comical Fellow and the Wakefield



### Story Brief

## Men's basketball dominates York

The Sea Gulls (5-2, 1-0 CAC) began Capital Athletic Conference play with a win over the York College Spartans (3-2, 1-1 CAC), 93-81. The win did not come easy as the Spartans led early, however the Gulls scored 55 points in the second half to earn the victory.

The first twenty minutes were full of turnovers, foul trouble and injuries, and the Sea Gulls seemed to be absent on defense. "They were just coming down [the court] and we weren't causing any pain to them. We were just out there," Head Coach Steve Holmes said. Salisbury suffered a huge blow when freshman forward Mike Hacke left the game with a high ankle sprain towards the end of the half. Nothing seemed to be going right as York took a 47-38 lead into halftime.



Submitted photos  
Jonathan Moynihan dances with his partner at Jane Austen's Ball.

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## BOOK DONATIONS

Blackwell Library is looking for donations for its semi-annual book sale. All types of books are welcome, and in any condition. This is a great way of getting rid of old novels or textbooks that you don't want to take home. Please leave your donations at the circulation desk of the library.

## SU MAKES SAT'S OPTIONAL

The Board of Regents approved Salisbury University's plan to make the SAT requirement optional. Students who have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher will have the option of submitting an SAT or ACT score. The plan is expected to attract a more diverse pool of students to Salisbury over the next five years.

## UN UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL SPEAKS AT SU

Ibrahim Agboola Gambari, Under-Secretary-General of the UN, is holding a speech Wednesday, Dec. 6, in Holloway Hall entitled "Promoting Peace Amidst Demanding Conflicts." Gambari was the former minister of external affairs of Nigeria as well as director-general for the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs. The speech is part of the Center for Conflict Resolution's "One Person Can Make a Difference" Lecture Series at SU. For more information call 410-543-6030.

## CONGRATS TO GRADS

The Flyer would like to send out a congratulations to all seniors graduating in the 2006 December ceremony. Best of luck for the future!

## Seven steps to a guilt-free holiday

With only 25 shopping days left 'til Christmas, Consumer Credit Counseling Service of MD & DE (CCCS) offers these money management tips for celebrating a sane and guilt-free holiday:

## SET UP A SPENDING BUDGET.

Before you make holiday purchases, take a look at your household and personal expenses for December and the coming year. Write down and total up what you know you'll owe. Then subtract this total from your take-home pay or expected income. The amount left is the amount you can realistically afford to spend. Using this figure, set up a budget to cover gifts, decorations, entertainment, and other holiday expenses.

## MAKE A LIST.

Follow Santa's example. Compile a list of all the people for whom you need or want to buy gifts, including babysitters, teachers, newspaper deliverers, etc. These small gifts can add up and are

often the cause of going over your gift budget. Determine how much you can afford to spend for each person's gift. Don't forget to add in the cost of Christmas cards, gift wrap, and postage.

## CONSIDER CREATIVE GIFT-GIVING.

When it comes to gifts, many of us still believe "it's the thought that counts." Use your talents to make gifts that have a personal touch, such as tapestries, quilts, photo collages, poems, pastries or other prepared foods. If you don't have much time available, consider making fruit baskets - they're easy to create, healthy, and economical.

BECOME A SAVVY SHOPPER.

Check out retail sales, special discounts, coupons in circulars or newspapers, and online bargains. Consider purchasing holiday decorations in-bulk and splitting the costs with friends and family members. Better yet, recycle last year's supply. Strategies such as these can lead to substantial savings.

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## Crime beat

11/18/06 — 2:50 a.m.  
Intoxicated Subject  
University Police responded to Maggs Gym for an intoxicated student. The student was transported to PRMC by Salisbury EMS.

11/19/06 — 1:59 a.m.  
CDS Violation

While checking a vehicle in the Caruthers Parking Lot, a University Police officer detected the presence of CDS. Subsequent investigation resulted in the recovery of CDS and paraphernalia.

Criminal charges were filed against two students. Another student was charged on a Dept. of Juvenile Services, Police Request for Juvenile Charges form for CDS possession.

11/27/06 — 2 p.m. - 3:26 p.m.  
Weapons Violation

University Police contacted a resident student in the Blackwell Library for possessing a pellet gun in violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

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Disorderly Conduct

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In The Marketplace & Rotunda (4:30-8 p.m.) • In The Bistro (5-7 p.m.)

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## Faculty Spotlight

# New professor makes waves

By Diana Westenberger  
Staff Writer

Beginning her career here in 2005, Kirsten Passyn is new to the SU staff. She is part of the management and marketing department, teaching principles of marketing, international marketing and consumer behavior.

Passyn graduated with an undergraduate degree in French literature and a Doctorate in marketing from Pennsylvania State University. She has come to Salisbury with an array of teaching experiences, having taught at Penn State, the University of Pennsylvania and St. Joseph's University before teaching at SU.

Most of Passyn's family lives in the Salisbury area, which was a major factor in her decision to apply to SU. She spoke of her choice saying, "I accepted the position because I was, and still am, very impressed with Salisbury."

Passyn is very involved on campus and is the student advisor for the American Marketing Association (AMA).

When asked about her favorite part of being a member of the SU staff, she knew just what to say.

"I've known for a long time that this was what I wanted to do." The one thing she said she dislikes most about teaching has to be the grading.

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# Men's basketball rallies in second half of CAC opener

Joe Slaninka  
Staff Writer

The Sea Gulls (5-2, 1-0 CAC) began Capital Athletic Conference play with a win over the York College Spartans (3-2, 1-1 CAC), 93-81. The win did not come easy as the Spartans led early, however the Gulls scored 55 points in the second half to earn the victory.

The first twenty minutes were full of turnovers, foul trouble and injuries, and the Sea Gulls seemed to be absent on defense. "They were just coming down [the court] and we weren't causing any pain to them. We were just out there," Head Coach Steve Holmes said.

Salisbury suffered a huge blow when freshman forward Mike Hacke left the game with a high ankle sprain towards the end of the half. Nothing seemed to be going right as York took a 47-38 lead into half-

time.

The Sea Gulls began the second half on fire, as they went on a 13-2 run in the first two and a half minutes. Early three pointers by senior Ray Williams, who recorded 13 points, three rebounds along with three assists, and sophomore Devin Jones, who had 17 points, five rebounds and three assists, sparked the Sea Gulls' comeback. After a few lead changes, the Sea Gulls finally took command of the game, going up by 12 halfway through the second half. The Sea Gulls staved off the offensive threat of the Spartans for the rest of the second half, en route to a 93-81 victory.

All five of the Sea Gulls' starters scored in double figures in the game. Senior guard Segun Odumeru woke up late in the game as he added 13 of his 16 points in their second half comeback. Big games also came from sophomore forward Ozi



Brian McMullen/The Flyer

A Salisbury offender drives past York to attempt a shot in the first half of the game.

Menakaya, who had 14 points and ripped down eight rebounds, and junior forward Frank Gerald, who

put up 15 points and six rebounds. The Sea Gulls' timely win breaks a two game losing streak as they go on



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Salisbury takes another shot and follows through for an added three points to their score.

the road for the next two games against Goucher and Gallaudet on Dec. 6 and 9, respectively. They return home on Jan. 9 against rival Washington College at 7:30 p.m.

# Lady Gulls win OT home opener thriller



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In overtime the Gulls led by as many as six and held on to take down the Spartans' 75-71.

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Sports Editor

The Salisbury University women's basketball team (4-1 CAC1-0) trailed conference foe York by 16 points with just over nine minutes left in regulation. The Gulls stormed back, creating turnovers and hitting shots, eventually tying the game with 19.5 seconds left on a free throw from Catherine Mills

pushing the game into an extra frame. In overtime the Gulls led by as many as six and held on to take down the Spartans 75-71.

From that point on, the Gulls dominated, outscoring the Spartans 27-7 in regulation, 38-14 including overtime. The Gulls' pressure defense led to nine turnovers, resulting in 12 points during the nine minute span. Salisbury junior guard Meghan Phillips scored a game-high 27 points, but it was Mills who hit



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A Salisbury defender sticks to York as she dribbles the ball up the court. The Gulls face off with Widener University on Dec. 8 at 6 p.m.

the front end of a one-and-one to send the game to OT.

Mills, along with older sister Jessica Mills, set the tone for the Gulls, scoring eight of the team's 11 points in the extra session. The pair combined for 25 points for the day (Jessica recorded 13, Catherine had 12) to go along with ten rebounds.

The Gulls forced 34 turnovers for the game, turning them into 30 points. SU finished the game shooting 33.3% from the field and 40% from beyond the arc. Salisbury also held a large advantage at the line shooting 21-30(70%) while York only made 9 of 15 attempts.

This was the Gulls' fourth straight victory and it also marked the seventh consecutive conference opener the Gulls have won, dating back to the 2000-01 season. The Gulls face off with Widener University on Dec. 8 at 6 p.m.

## SEA GULL SPORTS BEAT

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

Salisbury University's men's basketball team fell short to top-ranked and defending national champions Virginia Wesleyan 73-64. SU (4-2) upset the Marlins last year and had a hankering to do it again, leading at the half 32-31. There were 15 lead changes, but the Gulls never led by more than five.

The Gulls fell behind for good in the second half 47-45 after Virginia Wesleyan's Ari Paschal hit a three pointer, his only basket from the field. The Marlins (2-1) scored 20 points off of 16 Salisbury turnovers, and deposited another 20 points off of second chance points. Ray Williams dropped 27 points and Segun Odumeru con-

tributed another 11 to lead the team's offense. Frank Gerald had a team-high seven rebounds to go along with nine points. The Gulls shot better than 53 percent from the field but could not pull off the upset for the second year in a row.

The Gulls will play two conference road games this week and won't return to Maggs Gym until Jan. 4, when they take on Washington College.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

After being tied at 18 with 8:30 remaining in the first half, the Salisbury University women's basketball team outscored Hood College 24-8, propelling the team to their third straight victory 75-54. The Sea Gulls (3-1) were led

by Meghan Phillips and Jessica Mills, who both scored 11 first half points, and finished the game with 17 and 13 points, respectively, to lead the Gulls' offensive charge.

Kylie Hall pulled down a team high nine rebounds to help SU win the battle of the boards, out rebounding the Blazers 47-42. Hood's (0-3) Jennifer Willison lead all scorers with 18 points. The Gulls largest lead was 17. With just under 16 minutes to play, Hood College cut that lead to seven with ten minutes left in regulation. Salisbury didn't panic, however, and ended the game on a 24-10 run to ice the victory away. SU will take on out-of-conference foe Widener University on Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. in Maggs Gym.

## Chesapeake Climate Action Network SUV Awareness Week

Students for a More Democratic Society will be issuing "tickets" this week to SUV drivers on the Salisbury University campus.

The purpose of this program is to raise environmental awareness. SUV's are targeted because they alone make up 1/3 of the carbon emissions in the U.S. For more info please visit:

[www.chesapeakeclimate.org](http://www.chesapeakeclimate.org)



# Salisbury Sports Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				6 p.m. — Women's Basketball vs. Widener		